

BEFORE THE  
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

Periodic Reporting  
(Proposal One)

Docket No. RM2023-4

**RESPONSES OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO  
CHAIRMAN'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 2**  
(March 17, 2023)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides its responses to Chairman's Information Request No. 2, issued on March 16, 2023. Each question is stated verbatim and is followed by its response.

Respectfully submitted,

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1. Please refer to page 73 of the most recent MCS.<sup>1</sup>
  - a. In the MCS, the “Nonmachinable Letters pieces that weigh 4.0 ounces or less must pay the prices shown in the “Nonautomation Flats (4.0 ounces or less)” price tables (1225.6). These pieces cannot be entered at a DDU and must be prepared as letters.” Please confirm that this will remain true after the proposed analytical changes in this docket are made. If not confirmed, please explain.
  - b. In the MCS, the “Nonmachinable Letters pieces that weigh more than 4.0 ounces must pay the prices shown in the “Nonautomation Flats (greater than 4.0 ounces)” price tables (1225.6). These pieces cannot be entered at a DDU and must be prepared as letters.” Please confirm that this will remain true after the proposed analytical changes in this docket are made. If not confirmed, please explain. MCS at 73.
  - c. Please refer to Docket No. R2023-1, Library Reference PRC-LR-R2023-1/2, November 28, 2022, Excel file “PRC-CAPCALC-USPSMM-R2023-1.xlsx,” tab “New Price,” cells A46:J56. Please confirm that the pricing structure that the Postal Service plans to propose in its next rate adjustment filing for USPS Marketing Mail Flats<sup>2</sup> will also apply to USPS Marketing Mail Letters in cells A19:J29. If not confirmed, please explain.

**RESPONSE:**

- a. Confirmed.
- b. Confirmed.
- c. Confirmed with the addition that the new structure would also apply to corresponding Nonprofit prices. Specifically, Docket No. R2023-1, Library Reference PRC-LR-R2023-1/2, November 28, 2022, Excel file “PRC-CAPCALC-USPSMM-R2023-1.xlsx,” tab “New Price,” cells O46:X56. The new structure will also apply to USPS Marketing Mail Nonprofit Letters in cells O19:X29.

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<sup>1</sup> Postal Regulatory Commission, Mail Classification Schedule (MCS), January 23, 2023, at 73, available at <http://www.prc.gov/mail-classification-schedule>.

<sup>2</sup> Petition, Proposal One at 7.

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2. Please refer to Docket No. ACR2022, Library Reference USPS-FY22-3, December 29, 2022, Excel file "FY22.3 WorksharingTables.xlsx." Please also refer to the "Attachment\_FY22.3 WorksharingTables" Excel spreadsheet, which is identical to the aforementioned file except for modifications based on the proposed analytical changes in this docket.<sup>3</sup>
- a. Please confirm that the pound-based workshare discounts highlighted in red in Attachment 1 in the "Flats & Parcels Dropship" tab are being eliminated. If not confirmed, please explain.
  - b. Please confirm that the equivalent piece-based workshare discounts highlighted in yellow in Attachment 1 on the "Marketing Mail Flts Prst Prebcd," "Marketing Mail Carrier Route," and "Marketing Mail HD-Sat Flts&Prcl," tabs will be created as a result of the proposed analytical changes in this docket. If not confirmed, please explain.

**RESPONSE:**

- a. Confirmed.
- b. Confirmed.

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<sup>3</sup> Workshare discounts are based on Responses of the United States Postal Service to Chairman's Information Request No. 1, March 3, 2023, Excel file "ChIR 1 Q3." Avoided costs are based on Docket No. ACR2022, Library Reference USPS-FY22-13, December 29, 2022, Excel file "USPS-FY22-13.MKTG.xlsx," tab "Summary."